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CHINA-UN: PEKING IS MAINTAINING A RIGID POSTURE ON THE UN MEMBERSHIP ISSUE AS SUPPORT FOR TAIPEI CONTINUES TO DECLINE.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] COSPONSORS OF THE ALBANIAN RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE SEATING OF PEKING AND THE EXPULSION OF TAIPEI INDICATE THERE WILL BE NO FLEXIBILITY IN THEIR POSITION. THE GROUP DECIDED, IN ADDITION, TO SEEK MORE COSPONSORS AND TO INSCRIBE THE RESOLUTION ON THE UN AGENDA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE ALBANIAN CHAIRMAN, APPARENTLY RELAYING PEKING'S INSTRUCTIONS, REJECTED A PROPOSAL TO CONDUCT AN INTENSE LOBBYING EFFORT AGAINST THE IMPORTANT QUESTION RESOLUTION--WHICH REQUIRES A MOTION ON CHINESE REPRESENTATION TO PASS BY A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY--PROBABLY ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS TRADITIONAL RESOLUTION STANDS LITTLE CHANCE OF PASSAGE IN THE COMING SESSION.

ALTHOUGH SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES LATER SAID THEY RESENTED THE BRUSQUE, INFLEXIBLE MANNER IN WHICH THE ALBANIAN HANDLED THE MEETING, THIS RESENTMENT IS UNLIKELY TO BE TRANSLATED INTO DIVISIONS WITHIN THE PRO-PEKING CAMP.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] A JAPANESE UN REPRESENTATIVE GLOOMILY TOLD US OFFICERS HE HAD CONCLUDED FROM A REVIEW OF TOKYO'S SOUNDINGS ON VARIOUS "DUAL REPRESENTATION" RESOLUTIONS THAT SUCH A MOTION IS UNLIKELY TO PASS. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN PRESERVING TAIPEI'S SEAT IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOLD SIMILAR VIEWS. MOREOVER, SUPPORT FOR TAIPEI HAS STEADILY ERODED SINCE LAST YEAR'S VOTE, AND FURTHER EROSION PRIOR TO NEXT AUTUMN'S VOTE IS A VIRTUAL CERTAINTY.

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